

The Third Sunday of Easter

# Holy Eucharist at 9 am

April 14, 2024

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022



We invite you to make this place yours.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

## What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

## What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

## What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

# Welcome!



- **\* Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.
- **\* To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar.**
- **\*** To make a prayer request please visit stbarts.org/prayers.
- **To make an appointment with the clergy**, please call 212-378-0222 or visit **stbarts.org/connect/clergy-and-staff**.
- **\* Tour St. Bart's this Sunday:** Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.
- **Free Parking** is available for all Sunday services at the garage located at 136–166 East 51st Street. Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central.



Prelude Prelude in C Major, BWV 547, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

The people stand as the hymn begins.

## Hymn 306



Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971).

## **The Easter Acclamation**

Presider	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# The Ministry of the Word

## **The Collect**

All

Presider	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. Amen.

## The people sit.

The Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of John.

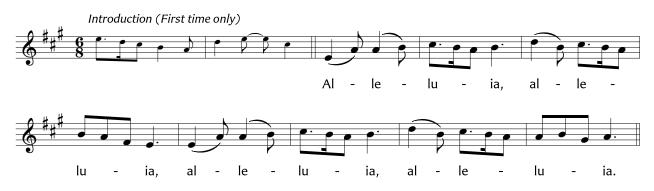
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as the music begins.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

The people sing the refrain; the soloist sings the verse.



*Verse* Rejoice for now Jesus is living! Out of the tomb Christ is risen! Christ has conquered death by his death that we may live.

## The people repeat the refrain.

Words and Music: Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947).

## The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

## **The Offertory**

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed. Ushers can assist you.
- You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit stbarts.org/givenow.

## Anthem St. Bart's Singers

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness; That we should be called God's own children.

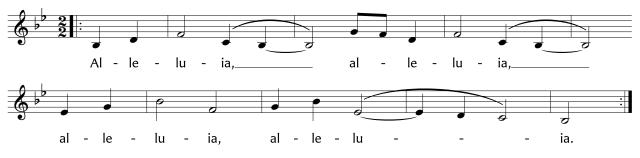
Words: 1 John 3:1. Music: from St. Paul, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## With Hearts and Hands and Voices Wil Yates

The people are invited to leave their seats, bring their belongings, and gather around the altar in the chancel for the duration of the service.

## **A Repeating Alleluia**



Music: A Repeating Alleluia, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).



## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Risen Christ, bursting from the tomb: we yearn for the joy you bring. Burst into our lives and lift our hearts with resurrection joy as we pray.

Guide us through all uncertainty and fear. The first witnesses to your resurrection also were uncertain and afraid. Calm us as you calmed them.



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*Intercessor* By defeating death, you have freed us from the grip of sin. Release our nation and its leaders from bigotry, avarice, and every sinful way.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

*Intercessor* The bright light of Easter promises a new day to those in pain. Shine its warm rays on all the sick and suffering, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All	Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!
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*Intercessor* In rising from the grave, you have raised us, too. Receive all who have died into the glory of heaven, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

*Intercessor* Easter is good news! Fill us with gladness and thanksgiving for the miracle of your resurrection and for all the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us, as we seek to share our joy with others. Strengthen us, as your Church, to proclaim faith in the midst of doubt and hope in the midst of despair.

## All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

PresiderRisen Christ, our Wounded God, disabled and divine: give us faith to perceive you<br/>standing here among us, pierced and embodied, beautifully broken so that forgiveness<br/>might be ours.AllAmen.

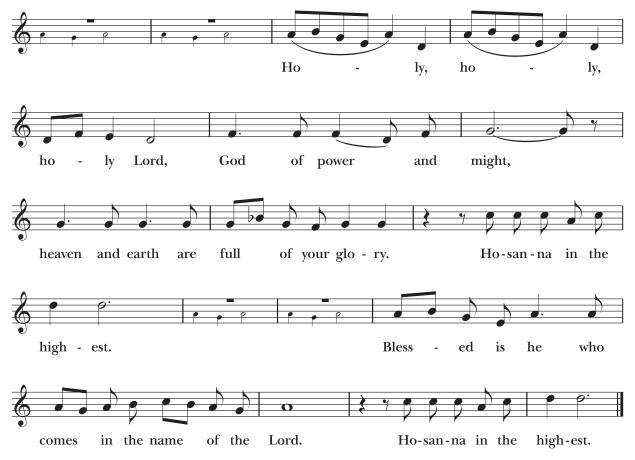
# **The Holy Communion**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them up to God.</b>
Presider	Let us give thanks to God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** 



Music: from Communion Service, Op. 71, William Mathias (1934-1992).

*Presider* Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember his Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Presider	O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
People	Come, Holy Spirit.
Presider	Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
People	Come, Holy Spirit.
Presider	Risen Christ, our Wounded God, disabled and divine: give us faith to perceive you standing here among us, pierced and embodied, beautifully broken so that forgiveness might be ours.
All	Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Fraction Anthem**

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

PresiderBe known to us, O Jesus,Peoplein the breaking of the bread.

## The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation: whoever eats this bread and drinks of this cup will live forever.

#### At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.
- Wine is received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.
- In the interests of public health, St. Bart's discourages intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to drink from the cup, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

#### Anthem St. Bart's Singers

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Words: Based on John 14:27. Music: Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926).

## **The Prayer after Communion**

- Presider Let us pray.
- All Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **The Blessing**

Hymn 210



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*; melody from Gesangbuch (Würtemberg, 1784), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

#### **The Peace**

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PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.
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#### Postlude



Immediately following this morning's 9 am service, we warmly welcome you to the Forum in the Great Hall.

In today's discussion, "Higher Education, The Episcopal Church & The Anglican Communion," the Reverend Dick Burnett, General Secretary of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion, reflects on the roles that the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion play in higher education around the globe.

# **Service Participants**

**Presider** The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers **Preacher** The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe **Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Verger Sarah Bessey

**Lector** Ana Marie Forsythe **Intercessor** Dall Forsythe **Ushers** Natalie Johnson, Bailey Regan

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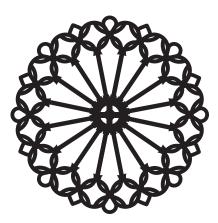
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Constance, Victoria, Catherine, Jane, Viola, Peggy, Lucy

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# Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

**Coffee Hour** 12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL Join us immediately after the service for coffee and other refreshments.

**Children, Youth and Families Community Lunch 12:15 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM** All children, youth, and their families are welcome.

#### **Virtual Coffee Hour 12:30 PM ON ZOOM** Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

## **Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community** 12:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

A seven-session course for anyone new or relatively new to the church.

#### St. Tabitha's Guild 12:30 PM IN ROOM 44

Join our guild of needle crafters as they knit/crochet for various charities both in-person and virtually.

# Peace Book Club

**1:30 PM ON ZOOM** Continue discussing Richardo Nuila's *The People's Hospital: Hope and Peril in American Medicine*.

# Living Christ Sangha

**3-4:30** PM VIA ZOOM Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

# The 2024 Pledge Campaign

*I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11* 

The 2024 pledge campaign continues! We have received over 290 pledges and over\$1.1M pledged to date. Your annual pledge to St. Bart's makes a difference and your participation matters. If you haven't made a 2024 pledge, pick up a pledge package in the back of the church or call the Stewardship Office to request one at 212-378-0278. Place your completed card in the mail or visit **stbarts.org/pledge**.



# Sunday, April 21, 2024: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Soin us in Person at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. YOU MAY ALSO JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM on our website (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook Live (@stbartsnyc).

# 🛠 THE FORUM AT 10 AM

**God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible** Candida Moss, the Cadbury Professor of Theology at the University of Birmingham (UK), discusses her new book about the role of enslaved people in the making of Christianity and its scriptures.



# Weekday services of Holy Communion to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

- 12:05 PM HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL Tuesdays: with silent meditation Wednesdays: with prayers for healing Thursdays: with prayers for peace and justice
- 🛠 8:30 PM NIGHT PRAYER VIA ZOOM, Monday-Friday

# ONGOING AND UPCOMING

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 AM-5 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION. THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT **STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR**.

# With Hearts and Hands and Voices

St. Bart's welcomes members, seekers, and visitors to participate in a rich tradition of musical offerings. Your gift to *With Hearts and Hands and Voices* will support all the ways that sacred music brings us together and inspires us. Make a gift at **stbarts.org/givenow** and select Gift Designation: Sacred Music Campaign, or use one of the campaign envelopes found in the back of the church, or arriving in your mailbox this week. Our goal is to raise \$65,000 by the close of the campaign on Sunday, May 5 when we will celebrate our continued support of great music with a festive coffee hour with the choirs.

# Easter Triumph, Easter Joy: The Music of the Easter Season

## TUESDAYS, APRIL 2-MAY 14, 7-8 PM, VIA ZOOM

The clergy and staff of St. Bart's explore some of the most beloved music associated with the Easter season. **On Tuesday, April 16**, seminarian Nathan Peace discusses Easter hymns. Register and learn more at **stbarts.org/eastermusic**.

# **Spring Yoga Classes**

# TUESDAYS AT 6 PM

Yoga Classes will be held in the church on Tuesdays at 6 pm. A contribution of \$10 is suggested. All ages and abilities welcome! Visit **stbarts.org/yoga** for details.

# Imagine Worship NYC: Spring 2024

# THURSDAYS APRIL 4 - JUNE 27 AT 7 PM, IN THE CHURCH

Join us for a casual, contemporary, and inclusive candlelit service with soulful original music led by Artist-in-Residence Mark Miller, a timely message, prayer, and communion—followed by food and hospitality. Pray your way into the weekend with us! **stbarts.org/imagine**.

# Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's: *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson

**SATURDAYS, APRIL 6-JUNE 29, 10–11 AM, VIA ZOOM** The Saturday morning discussion group delves into acclaimed novelist Marilynne Robinson's interpretation of the Book of Genesis. Newcomers are welcome to join. Register at **stbarts.org/saturdaymornings**.

# **Earth Stations of the Cross**

## WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 17 AND 24, 6:30-7:30 PM ON ZOOM

Allegra Lovejoy, who for a decade has worked at the intersection of faith and the environment, leads a two-session contemplative study of our society's relationship with our planet, and our Christian call to planetary stewardship. Learn more: **stbarts.org/ earthstationsofthecross**.

# Learning Liberation: Prayer, Study, and Action for Social Justice

**THURSDAYS BEGINNING APRIL 18, 6-7 PM, IN THE CHAPEL** Join us for the inaugural meeting of our ongoing justice education and conversation. We will mark Earth Month by completing a training session with Chelsea MacMillan, interspiritual minister and the NY Organizer for GreenFaith. Contact Teagan Sage (tsage@stbarts.org) with any questions. Learn more and register at **stbarts.org/learningliberation**.

# **Pilgrims and Pathfinders Retreat**

# FRIDAY, APRIL 26 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Retreat offerings will include a tour of the church and Crossroads, shared meals and music, and engaging panel discussions. While we especially hope that our virtual worshippers and Pathfinders attendees will participate, the retreat is open to all. Advance registration is required. Register at **stbarts.org/pathfinders-retreat**.

# Paolo Bordignon harpsichord recital

# APRIL 30 AT 7:30 PM

This program will include Handel's *Suite in E major* (with the *Harmonious Blacksmith Variations*), a few handfuls of Scarlatti's 555 Sonatas for harpsichord, and Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*, a tour-de-force of the Baroque repertoire and the first keyboard concerto in history. Tickets at **mmpaf.org**.

# Sacred Looking

# APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 AT 5:30PM VIA ZOOM

An online version of the class offered in January, Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue and the Reverend Meredith Ward facilitate a two-day conversation on interfaith learning, exploring ways of looking at art through the lens of faith. Details online at **stbarts.org/sacredlooking**.

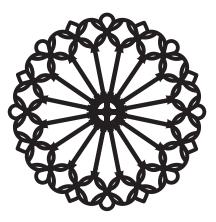
# Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

# FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 PM

Parish Outing to the Staten Island FerryHawks Home Opener. Tickets are \$12 per person, plus a discounted price for food vouchers and baseball caps, a free rally towel and our name on the scoreboard! It's an easy walk from the Staten Island ferry to the ballpark. More information: **stbarts.org/ballgame**.

# **Explore Class for Newcomers**

#### **WEDNESDAYS, MAY 8, 15, AND 22 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM** This three-week series is offered seasonally for newcomers. It offers an introduction to the Episcopal Church and an orientation to our community. This is a great next step for anyone curious about the church or looking to get involved. All are welcome! Register at **stbarts.org/explore**.



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